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International application No.  
PCT/EP00/02227Applicant's or agent's file reference  
PC281PRInternational filing date (day/month/year)  
14 March 2000 (14.03.00)Priority date (day/month/year)  
15 March 1999 (15.03.99)

Applicant

BASTIOLI, Catia et al

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

12 October 2000 (12.10.00)

in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

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NOTIFICATION OF THE RECORDING  
OF A CHANGE(PCT Rule 92bis.1 and  
Administrative Instructions, Section 422)

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 15 October 2001 (15.10.01)
Applicant's or agent's file reference PC281PR
International application No. PCT/EP00/02227

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

To:

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## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International filing date (day/month/year)  
14 March 2000 (14.03.00)

## 1. The following indications appeared on record concerning:

the applicant  the inventor  the agent  the common representative

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## 2. The International Bureau hereby notifies the applicant that the following change has been recorded concerning:

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT  
(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference  PC281PR	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No.  PCT/EP00/02227	International filing date (day/month/year)  14/03/2000	Priority date (day/month/year)  15/03/1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC  A01K15/02		
Applicant  NOVAMONT S.P.A.		
<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of 1 sheets.</p>		
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p>I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</p>		

Date of submission of the demand  12/10/2000	Date of completion of this report  17.04.2001
Name and mailing address of the international preliminary examining authority:  European Patent Office D-80298 Munich Tel. +49 89 2399 - 0 Tx: 523656 epmu d Fax: +49 89 2399 - 4465	Authorized officer  Van Woensel, G  Telephone No. +49 89 2399 2089



# INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/EP00/02227

## I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

**Description, pages:**

1-6 as originally filed

**Claims, No.:**

1-6 as originally filed

7-10 with telefax of 09/03/2001

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- contained in the international application in written form.
- filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages:
- the claims, Nos.:
- the drawings, sheets:

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY  
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/EP00/02227

5.  This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

*(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)*

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;  
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims 1-10
	No:	Claims
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims 1-10
	No:	Claims
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-10
	No:	Claims

2. Citations and explanations  
**see separate sheet**

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY  
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/EP00/02227

**Ad V**

Claims 1-10 of the present application meet the requirements of Article 33 PCT: Document EP-A-247606 discloses chewable articles for animals, the articles being made from polymer material and materials containing proteins.

The problem to be solved by the present invention can be regarded as how to find a material having improved resistance to chewing and being more attractive to the animals.

Since none of the cited prior art documents discloses that inulin or a mixture of oligofructans with thermoplastic polymers has such characteristics, present claims 1-8 and 10 involve an inventive step in the sense of Article 33(3) PCT.

None of the prior art documents discloses a thermoplastically processable material comprising mixtures of inulin and/or oligofructans with thermoplastic polymers. Claim 9 therefore meets also the requirements of Article 33(2)-(3) PCT.

Claims 1-10 are considered to be industrially applicable (Article 33(4) PCT).

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# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No  
PCT/EP 00/02227

**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**  
IPC 7 A01K15/02 C08L5/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 A61K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	EP 0 247 606 A (PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY) 2 December 1987 (1987-12-02) cited in the application	
P, X	WO 99 30691 A (JONGBOOM R.) 24 June 1999 (1999-06-24) page 2, line 22 - line 28	9
A	EP 0 638 589 A (SÜDZUCKER AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT MANNHEIM/OCHSENFURT) 15 February 1995 (1995-02-15) claim 6	9

Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

Patent family members are listed in annex.

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- "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
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Date of the actual completion of the international search

30 May 2000

Date of mailing of the international search report

21/06/2000

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT**

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**C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
P, X	JONGBOM ET AL.: "Inulin as a thermoplastic matrix material for encapsulation" PROCEEDINGS BOOK OF THE 26TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CONTROLLED RELEASE OF BIOACTIVE MATERIALS, June 1999 (1999-06), pages 263-264, XP000913601 boston the whole document	9

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT**

Information on patent family members

International Application No  
PCT/EP 00/02227

Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)			Publication date
EP 247606	A 02-12-1987	US 4681758 A	21-07-1987	JP 62296848 A	24-12-1987
WO 9930691	A 24-06-1999	AU 1786799 A	05-07-1999		
EP 638589	A 15-02-1995	AT 162805 T	15-02-1998	DE 59405157 D	05-03-1998
		EP 0792889 A	03-09-1997	JP 7149802 A	13-06-1995
		US 5502180 A	26-03-1996		

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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference <b>PC281PR</b>	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. <b>PCT/EP 00/02227</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>14/03/2000</b>	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) <b>15/03/1999</b>
Applicant <b>NOVAMONT S.P.A.</b>		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

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the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

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2.  Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3.  Unity of Invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

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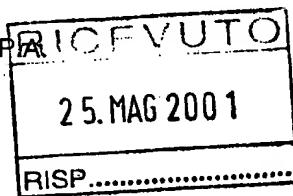
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From the  
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

To:

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY  
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## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.  
PCT/EP00/02227

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14/03/2000

Priority date (day/month/year)  
15/03/1999

Applicant  
NOVAMONT S.P.A.

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.

**4. REMINDER**

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY  
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/EP00/02227

**Ad V**

Claims 1-10 of the present application meet the requirements of Article 33 PCT: Document EP-A-247606 discloses chewable articles for animals, the articles being made from polymer material and materials containing proteins.

The problem to be solved by the present invention can be regarded as how to find a material having improved resistance to chewing and being more attractive to the animals.

Since none of the cited prior art documents discloses that inulin or a mixture of oligofructans with thermoplastic polymers has such characteristics, present claims 1-8 and 10 involve an inventive step in the sense of Article 33(3) PCT.

None of the prior art documents discloses a thermoplastically processable material comprising mixtures of inulin and/or oligofructans with thermoplastic polymers. Claim 9 therefore meets also the requirements of Article 33(2)-(3) PCT.

Claims 1-10 are considered to be industrially applicable (Article 33(4) PCT).

# PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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### INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PC281PR	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>		See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/EP00/02227	International filing date (day/month/year) 14/03/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 15/03/1999	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC A01K15/02			
Applicant NOVAMONT S.P.A.			

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 1 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I  Basis of the report
- II  Priority
- III  Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV  Lack of unity of invention
- V  Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI  Certain documents cited
- VII  Certain defects in the international application
- VIII  Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 12/10/2000	Date of completion of this report 17.04.2001
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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY  
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/EP00/02227

## **I. Basis of the report**

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

1-6 as originally filed

**Claims, No.:**

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2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item

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4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages:
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- the drawings, sheets:

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY  
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/EP00/02227

5.  This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c));

*(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)*

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or Industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N) Yes: Claims 1-10  
No: Claims

Inventive step (IS) Yes: Claims 1-10  
No: Claims

Industrial applicability (IA) Yes: Claims 1-10  
No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations  
**see separate sheet**

7. Chewable articles according to Claim 6, in which the plasticizer is sorbitol or glycerol.
8. Chewable articles according to Claims 1 to 7, in the form of bones for dogs.
9. A thermoplastically processable material comprising mixtures of inulin and/or oligofructans with thermoplastic polymers.
10. Use of the thermoplastically permeable material of Claim 9, for producing chewable articles for animals.

## PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE  
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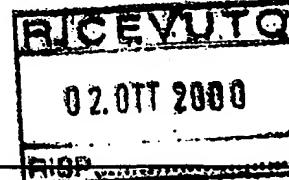
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Applicant NOVAMONT S.p.A. et al	

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Priority date (day/month/year) 15 March 1999 (15.03.99)
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1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:  
AU,DZ,KP,KR,US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present Notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:  
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The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 21 September 2000 (21.09.00) under No. WO 00/54578

## REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a **demand for international preliminary examination** must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor the 19-month time limit.

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

## REMINDER REGARDING ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL PHASE (Article 22 or 39(1))

If the applicant wishes to proceed with the international application in the **national phase**, he must, within 20 months or 30 months; or later in some Offices, perform the acts referred to therein before each designated or elected Office.

For further important information on the time limits and acts to be performed for entering the national phase, see the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 (Notification of Receipt of Record Copy) and Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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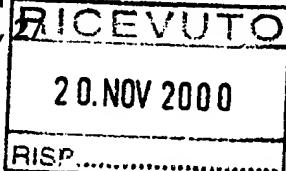
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INFORMATION CONCERNING ELECTED  
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(PCT Rule 61.3)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

To:

RAMBELLI, Paolo  
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ITALIE

Date of mailing (day/month/year)

13 November 2000 (13.11.00)

Applicant's or agent's file reference

PC281PR

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

International application No.

PCT/EP00/02227

International filing date (day/month/year)

14 March 2000 (14.03.00)

Priority date (day/month/year)

15 March 1999 (15.03.99)

Applicant

NOVAMONT S.p.A. et al

1. The applicant is hereby informed that the International Bureau has, according to Article 31(7), notified each of the following Offices of its election:

AP :GH,GM,KE,LS,MW,SD,SL,SZ,TZ,UG,ZW  
 EP :AT,BE,CH,CY,DE,DK,ES,FI,FR,GB,GR,IE,IT,LU,MC,NL,PT,SE  
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2. The following Offices have waived the requirement for the notification of their election; the notification will be sent to them by the International Bureau only upon their request:

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3. The applicant is reminded that he must enter the "national phase" before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date before each of the Offices listed above. This must be done by paying the national fee(s) and furnishing, if prescribed, a translation of the international application (Article 39(1)(a)), as well as, where applicable, by furnishing a translation of any annexes of the international preliminary examination report (Article 36(3)(b) and Rule 74.1).

Some offices have fixed time limits expiring later than the above-mentioned time limit. For detailed information about the applicable time limits and the acts to be performed upon entry into the national phase before a particular Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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Applicant's or agent's file reference  
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Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION

'Articles to be chewed by animals'

Box No. II APPLICANT

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Sheet No. 3.....

## Box No.V DESIGNATION OF STATES

The following designations are hereby made under Rule 4.9(a) (mark the applicable check-boxes; at least one must be marked):

## Regional Patent

**AP** ARIPO Patent: **GH** Ghana, **GM** Gambia, **KE** Kenya, **LS** Lesotho, **MW** Malawi, **SD** Sudan, **SL** Sierra Leone, **SZ** Swaziland, **TZ** United Republic of Tanzania, **UG** Uganda, **ZW** Zimbabwe, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Harare Protocol and of the PCT

**EA** Eurasian Patent: **AM** Armenia, **AZ** Azerbaijan, **BY** Belarus, **KG** Kyrgyzstan, **KZ** Kazakhstan, **MD** Republic of Moldova, **RU** Russian Federation, **TJ** Tajikistan, **TM** Turkmenistan, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Eurasian Patent Convention and of the PCT

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**OA** OAPI Patent: **BF** Burkina Faso, **BJ** Benin, **CF** Central African Republic, **CG** Congo, **CI** Côte d'Ivoire, **CM** Cameroon, **GA** Gabon, **GN** Guinea, **GW** Guinea-Bissau, **ML** Mali, **MR** Mauritania, **NE** Niger, **SN** Senegal, **TD** Chad, **TG** Togo, and any other State which is a member State of OAPI and a Contracting State of the PCT (if other kind of protection or treatment desired, specify on dotted line)

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**Precautionary Designation Statement:** In addition to the designations made above, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b) all other designations which would be permitted under the PCT except any designation(s) indicated in the Supplemental Box as being excluded from the scope of this statement. The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit. (Confirmation (including fees) must reach the receiving Office within the 15-month time limit.)

Sheet No. 4

Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM		<input type="checkbox"/> Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.		
Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country	regional application: regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) (15.03.1999) 15 MARCH 1999	TO99A000199	ITALY		
item (2)				
item (3)				

The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of the present international application is the receiving Office) identified above as item(s):

\* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, it is mandatory to indicate in the Supplemental Box at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)). See Supplemental Box.

#### Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):	Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):		
ISA / EP	Date (day/month/year)	Number	Country (or regional Office)

#### Box No. VIII CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING

This international application contains the following number of sheets:	This international application is accompanied by the item(s) marked below:		
request : 4	1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet		
description (excluding sequence listing part) : 6	2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> separate signed power of attorney (follows)		
claims : 2	3. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any		
abstract : 1	4. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature		
drawings : -	5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s): (1) (follows)		
sequence listing part of description : -	6. <input type="checkbox"/> translation of international application into (language):		
Total number of sheets : 13	7. <input type="checkbox"/> separate indications concerning deposited microorganism or other biological material		
	8. <input type="checkbox"/> nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in computer readable form		
	9. <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify):		

Figure of the drawings which  
should accompany the abstract: Language of filing of the  
international application: English

#### Box No. IX SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR AGENT

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request).



RAMBELLINI, Paolo

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1. Date of actual receipt of the purported international application:	(14.03.2000)	14 MAR 2000
3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application:	2. Drawings:	
4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2):	<input type="checkbox"/> received: <input type="checkbox"/> not received:	
5. International Searching Authority (if two or more are competent): ISA /	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid.	

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The demand must be filed directly with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority or, if two or more Authorities are competent, with the one chosen by the applicant. The full name or two-letter code of that Authority may be indicated by the applicant on the line below:  
**IPEA/**

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## CHAPTER II

### DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and hereby elects all eligible States (except where otherwise indicated).

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Identification of IPEA		Date of receipt of DEMAND
<b>Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION</b>		
International application No. <b>PCT/EP00/02227</b>		Applicant's or agent's file reference <b>PC281PR</b> (Earliest) Priority date (day/month/year) <b>15 March 1999 (15.03.1999)</b>
Title of invention <b>"Articles to be chewed by animals"</b>		
<b>Box No. II APPLICANT(S)</b>		
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is hereby appointed and any earlier appointment of (an) agent(s)/common representative is hereby revoked.

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**Box No. IV BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION****Statement concerning amendments:\***

1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination to start on the basis of:

the international application as originally filed

the description  as originally filed

as amended under Article 34

the claims  as originally filed

as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)

as amended under Article 34

the drawings  as originally filed

as amended under Article 34

2.  The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.

3.  The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination to be postponed until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)). *(This check-box may be marked only where the time limit under Article 19 has not yet expired.)*

\* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination: **ENGLISH**

which is the language in which the international application was filed.

which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.

which is the language of publication of the international application.

which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

**Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES**

The applicant hereby elects all eligible States *(that is, all States which have been designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT)*

excluding the following States which the applicant wishes not to elect:

## Box No. VI CHECK LIST

The demand is accompanied by the following elements, in the language referred to in Box No. IV, for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

1. translation of international application	:	sheets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. amendments under Article 34	:	sheets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19	:	sheets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19	:	sheets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. letter	:	sheets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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The demand is also accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet	4. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature
2. <input type="checkbox"/> separate signed power of attorney	5. <input type="checkbox"/> nucleotide and or amino acid sequence listing in computer readable form
3. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:	6. <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify):

## Box No. VII SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the demand).



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1. Date of actual receipt of DEMAND:

2. Adjusted date of receipt of demand due to CORRECTIONS under Rule 60.1(b):

3.  The date of receipt of the demand is AFTER the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and item 4 or 5, below, does not apply.  The applicant has been informed accordingly.

4.  The date of receipt of the demand is WITHIN the period of 19 months from the priority date as extended by virtue of Rule 80.5.

5.  Although the date of receipt of the demand is after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the delay in arrival is EXCUSED pursuant to Rule 82.

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